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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

SIOUX FALLS, November 23, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 106.1 million pounds during October. This was up 27 percent from one year ago and up 23 percent from last month. For October, pork production and sheep and lamb production were up from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 506,400 head during October compared to 384,200 head the year before. Average live weight was 256 pounds, which was down 3 pounds from October 2006.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,300 head during October, up 300 head from a year earlier. Average live weight was 133 pounds, which was up 20 pounds from October 2006.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle are not published.

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